

All Tobacco Products Are Now Regulated by FDA

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PRODUCTS

Tobacco use is the single largest preventable cause of disease and death in the United States. As part of its goal to improve public health and protect future generations from the risks of tobacco use, the FDA has extended its authority to cover all tobacco products. The fact that FDA regulates tobacco products does not mean they are safe to use.

In 2016, FDA's Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) finalized a rule to regulate:



E-Cigarettes and All Other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)

This includes all kinds of electronic cigarettes, e-hookahs, e-cigars, vape pens, advanced refillable personal vaporizers, and electronic pipes that are not marketed for therapeutic purposes. These battery-operated products typically heat nicotine, flavor, and other chemicals into an aerosol that the user inhales.



Pipe Tobacco

Any product that consists of loose tobacco that is intended for use by consumers in a pipe.



Dissolvables

These tobacco products dissolve completely in the mouth. CTP now regulates all dissolvables that are not already regulated as smokeless tobacco products.



Hookah Tobacco

Hookah tobacco, also referred to as waterpipe tobacco, shisha, narghile, and argileh, is generally smoked using a waterpipe.



Cigars

Cigars are tobacco wrapped in leaf tobacco or a substance containing tobacco. Cigars vary in size, from small cigars (such as little cigars or cigarillos) to larger ones (such as large premium cigars).



Novel and Future Tobacco Products

One example of a novel tobacco product is nicotine gel (a tobacco product that contains nicotine and can be absorbed through the skin). CTP now regulates this and all future products made or derived from tobacco, except those marketed for therapeutic purposes.

Since June 2009, CTP has regulated:



Cigarettes

The basic components of most cigarettes are tobacco, a filter, and paper wrapping.



Roll-Your-Own Tobacco

Roll-your-own tobacco products are cigarettes made from loose tobacco and rolling paper.



Smokeless Tobacco

There are several forms of smokeless tobacco, including chewing tobacco, snuff, and snus. **Chewing tobacco** is cured tobacco in the form of loose leaf, plug, or twist. **Dry snuff** is loose finely cut or powdered dry tobacco that is typically placed in the nostrils. **Moist snuff** and **snus** are finely cut tobacco that can be loose or pouched and placed in the mouth.

For the full text of the final rule, visit FDA.gov and search for "extending authorities to all tobacco products."

